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SUBJECT: STATUS OF FRG/ANGOLAN RELATIONS

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1. THE FOREIGN OFFICE INFORMS US THAT THE ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET RESPONDED TO THE GERMAN EXPLANATION OF OTRAG (REF B).
2. AS THE ONLY EC MEMBER WITHOUT DIPLOMATIC TIES TO ANGOLA, THE FRG IS STILL MOST INTERESTED IN NORMALIZING ITS RELATIONS WITH THE LUANDA GOVERNMENT. IN THIS REGARD, MUELLER (DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS) HAS ASKED US FOR INFORMATION STEMMING FROM AMBASSADOR MCHENRY'S JUNE VISIT TO LUANDA WHICH MAY
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OFFER ANY CLUES ABOUT ANGOLAN ATTITUDES TOWARDS THE FRG.
WE UNDERTOOK TO CONVEY HIS REQUEST TO THE DEPARTMENT
FOR RESPONSE.

3. MUELLER ALSO INFORMED US THAT MINISTER OF STATE WISCHNEWSKI, IN HIS TALKS WITH PORTUGUESE PRIME MINISTER SOARES IN MID-JUNE, ASKED IF THE PORTUGUESE

WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP CLARIFY THE OTRAG PROBLEM IN
THEIR CONTACTS WITH THE ANGOLANS. THIS, WE UNDERSTAND,
THE PORTUGUESE AGREED TO DO, BUT IN A LOW-KEY MANNER.
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